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(This is more Washingtoness—heard in every other sentence—and in the alteruative scalences appears "Yes 'ndeed!"
So we turned up the stairs.
"Can we look in!" he asked of a gentleman at the head, whom I recognized as a
patent lawyer doing husiness there. "Cartainly." And he ied us into the back room,
and raised a sheet that covered two suspictous looking objects elevated on chairs.
But it did not seem to me "funny".
"Deas, evidentily!" I said with a shudder. "Yes, rather," said the lawyer, "two
women; dead these eighteen months.
They are embalaned. Touch them."
I laid my finger on the arm of one. It
was surprised to find it soft and elastic
as if in life. The fiesh yielded to pressure,
but recovered lissif at once as in a healthy
person.
"The fact, is," the lawyer explained.

but recovered itself at once as in a healthy person.

"The fact is," the lawyer explained, "these illustrate a patent for embalming now pending in the patent office. They insist on having a working model of everything, and this is my clients working model. They are the bodies of two women who died in an alma house in West Virginia. Mirchell wouldn't have them in the Patent Office, and I had to shelter them here. All through last Summer they lay open to the dapair, with no covering except a casual sheet, and even a fly did not settle on them. The process of decomposition will never begin, but after a few years or centuries they will desiccate and dry up, like the mutumles of Para. But I am afraid the coroner will happen in."

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This led my mind in the direction of patents and my feet followed my mind and led me into the Doric crypts which form at once the lumber-room of granks and the cradle of American progress.

I sought Mr. Charles E. Mitchell, the new Commissioner. He seems an ideal man for the difficult place, by the way. His predecessor, Judge Hall, was a better Commissioner than the service has known before for a decade, for he was a fair-minded, studious, industrious, honsest, faithful lawyer; but Mitchell is this and considerably mony, for he has been for years a distinguished gatent lawyer and knows what he is balking about. I asked him shout perpetual motion.

"Yes," he said, "I see perpetual motion has once more been achieved by serveral people, by Jennings of Oneida; by Grief, of Paltimore; and by a modest inventor in St. Louis, who does not give his mans. This had inventions, which is alleged to be able to send a Comard steamer across the Atlantic without consuming a pound of fuel of any sori, may lie worth millions of dollars."

This motor, I may add, is run by steam and electricity—but the ateam creates the



PERFETUAL MOTION OF 250 TEARS AGO. of reciprocating weights and lavers like this," and he opened an old book on Perpetnal Motion and turned to the picture of Capura's invention, here presented.

"That was devised in Bologna, Italy," he went on "in 1678, and two centuries have not stirred it a peg. It depends on a number of weighted levers rising a little before they actually fail. A lettle would do it, you was."

Commissioner Mitchell had allinged to the flood of patents for the slot machines in which you drop a coin to get something, and I made my way to that division.

"Yes," said its chief, "the slot division is being pushed, night and day. It begins to look as if the drummer and the 'sales lady' would equally be superceited by this speechless inouster, and every mortal want would come to be supplied through the slot. Why, just look here."

And he produced drawings and specifications of numerous machines, standing shout as high as a man, and of incredible fecundity.

Blacked in the slot and it will weigh you and push out to you a little eard withyour the little eard withyour and push out to you a little eard withyour hands and face, followed by paralise another that will tell your age for a nickel with the slightest assistance.

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The customer handed it to the cash-ier and asked, in some surprise, what

abdomen.

There is a claim in the patent office for a patent on the Lord's Prayer, the specification being that the repetition of the same, "rapid and in a loud tone of voice," will cure stammering.



One of the questions in written examination at a school recently was:
"What two important occupations have the people on the sea-coast?" Here is the answer: "They go dahing for cod and mackers!, and are saited and sent to all barts of the world."

"Here's the first," he went on. "Drep s trouble for quite a time; his tonsils nickel in the slot and it will weigh you and push out to you a little card with your avoid upon a little card with your sworld upon a little card with your sworld upon stamped neatly on it. Here's hands and face, followed by paralsis

ADVERTISING DODGES.

A hungry man who was sauntering along Eighth avenue one bright after-noon recently walked into a small restaurant a short distance above Twenty-third street, and dropping into a seat at one of the tables ordered some cakes and coffee and a piece of pie. He got two checks from the waiter when his frugal meal was over. One bore the figures 15. The other had the legend: This entities the bearer to one photograph.

it meant. "Oh, that's all right," the cashle said; "that's thrown in as an extra in-ducement to patronize us. The con-pe-tition around here is so stiff that we have to do something to hold on to our business. Step out in the back yard and our artist will take a snap at yo The customer found a camera rigged

up against the fence in the little yard. A photographer stood beside it, and in less than five minutes he finished a cheap tintype.

When he left the restaurant the proprietor proudly pointed to two large frames in one corner of the establish-ment. It contained over a hundred

ment. It contained over a hundred tintypes ranged in rows. Beneath was a placard bearing the words: "My patrona."

A few nights later the same man entered the restaurant again, and was amazed to see his photograph added to

the large collection.
"Take that out of the frame right off," he said, indignantly.
"Oh, I couldn't think of it," said the

proprietor, soolly. "If you want that removed you'll have to sue me for putand he turned on his heal.

The man got the picture out later on, but not until he had resorted to the strategy of feeling a friend to rip it out

of the frame when the restaurant keep er's back was turned. The free photograph with coffee and cakes is the latest and most remarkable novelty in the multiplicity of devices that tradesmen resort to just

now to attract patronage. A trunk dealer in Fulton street, Brooklyn, draws a crowd to his store daily by the exhibition of two big cats that make a peculiar kind of noise that is called "talking." They are called Australian talking cats, and the city is flooded with circulars announcing where they can be seen, with a price list of trunks tacked on to a picture of

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Recently a proof was given of the widespread nature of the taste-sense in the mouth. In a patient, from whom Dr. Benj Dillard, druggist, Aurora
Mo., says: I sell a great quan, iv of
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